

Table 17**TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE**

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

September 13, 1998 through April 20, 1999
Metric Tons

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota</i>	<i>Imports to Date</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	2,741	24.9%
Brazil	80,200	16,989	21.2%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	2,119	21.2%
Guatemala	9,625	722	7.5%
Malawi	12,000	5,535	46.1%
Philippines	3,000	38	1.3%
Thailand	7,000	594	8.5%
Zimbabwe	12,000	1,795	15.0%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,279	76.0%
Total	150,575	32,812	21.8%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate-quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first come/first served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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